

# COVID-19

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

## LOCAL PRESS CONFERENCE HELD VIRTUALLY

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and the County's Health Officer, Dr. Chris Spitters provided updates to the county's response to COVID-19

## MEDIA ADVISORY

Snohomish County Joint Press Conference being held on Tuesday, May 26 at 9:30 a.m.

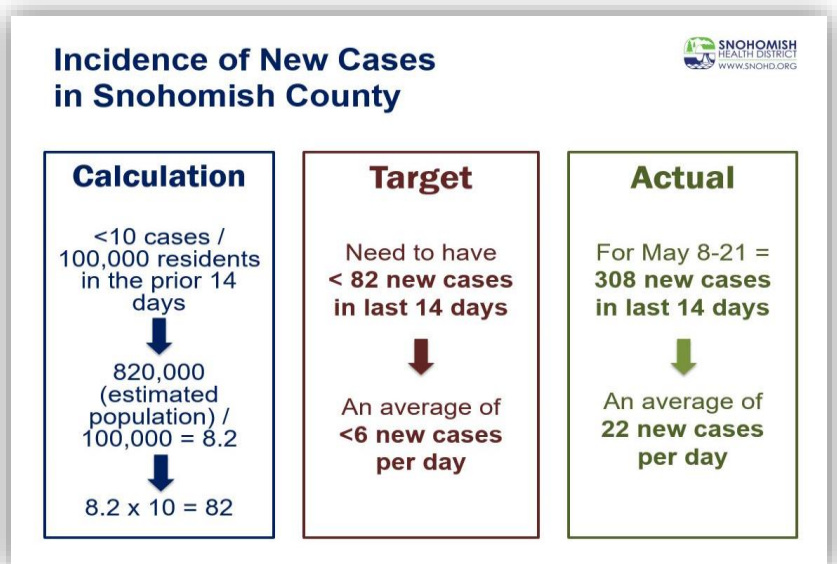
## SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

### Local Press Conference Held Virtually

Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers and the County's Health Officer, Dr. Chris Spitters, delivered some challenging news on Friday during a virtual press conference.

While progress has been made in slowing the spread of COVID-19, there are still too many new cases here to relax intervention measures June 1, they said during a media briefing.

Dr. Spitters used the graphic below describing case counts to help explain the math.



"What we're really looking for is to get that 80 or less cases in a two week period," Spitters said. "And just to give you an idea of where we're at, the last 14 days we had 308 new cases report. So we're about three and a half times above where we need to be."

The Snohomish Health District has posted a [video](#) of the briefing and [transcript](#).

### Media Advisory: Snohomish County Joint Press Conference

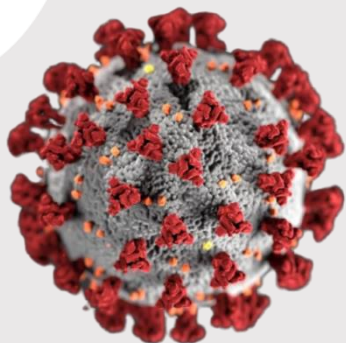
#### Tuesday at 9:30 A.M.

#### When

9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2020

#### What

Snohomish County's Joint Information Center (JIC) will provide a media availability with county leaders to address the county's response to COVID-19, including economic recovery efforts.



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## GOV. INSLEE STATEMENT ON PROGRESSION OF SAFE START PHASES

Governor Inslee released a statement reminding Washingtonians that not every county in the state will be able to reopen on June 1

### Who

Dave Somers, Executive, Snohomish County  
Dr. Chris Spitters, Health Officer, Snohomish Health District  
Meghan King, Public Health Educator, Washington Poison Center

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>

### Gov. Inslee Statement on Progression of Safe Start Phases

Governor Jay Inslee released a statement today after the Washington State Department of Health [announced additional counties](#) are eligible to move to Phase 2 under the [Safe Start](#) plan.

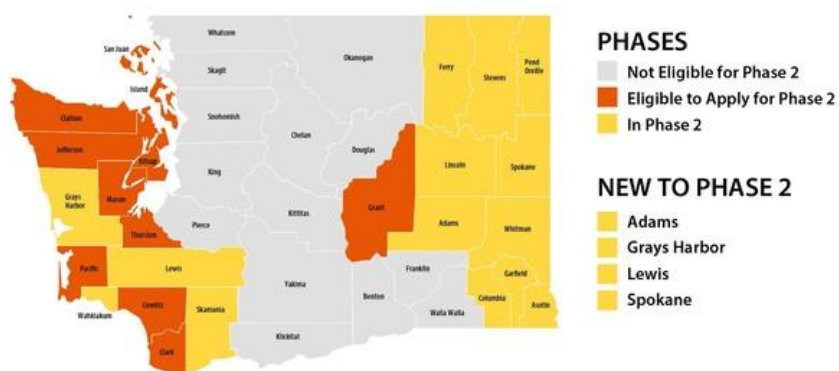
"We are making good progress as we continue to open Washington in segments. Currently, one-third of our state is now eligible to move into Phase 2. We are hard at work to determine next steps as we move closer to the May 31 expiration of [my current order](#). As I have repeatedly said before, these are decisions that are driven by public health data and science, not the calendar.

**"To be clear: this does not mean that we will be able to open every county in the state on June 1. Counties that continue to have large numbers of infections are not in a position to open up stores, restaurants and services safely."**

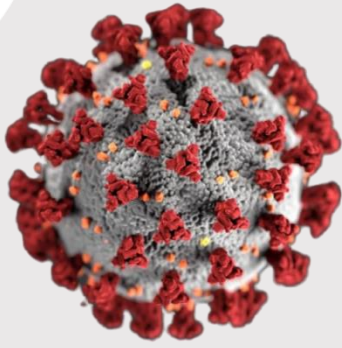
"As we move into the three-day weekend, I urge Washingtonians to keep working diligently to protect your families and communities. Please continue to physically distance, spend time with those in your household and stay close to where you live. We have made tremendous progress in this fight and I know this has been extremely difficult for everyone. Our collective efforts have protected health and saved lives."

Background: [Two week incidence by county](#)  
(Total Case Count from May 3-17)

### Safe Start Washington: County Status



For more information please read the Governor's [news release](#).



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## **TWO CASES OF MIS-C IN CHILDREN CONFIRMED IN WASHINGTON**

Pediatric patients from King and Snohomish Counties are receiving care at Seattle Children's Hospital

## **SHD HOLDS SPECIAL BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

## **NEW SHD BLOG POST: COVID-19 AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

Blog addresses exacerbation of domestic violence, provides resources for victims

## **Two Cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) in Washington State**

OLYMPIA – The Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Snohomish Health District and Public Health—Seattle & King County are confirming two cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19. The patients, one Snohomish County resident and one King County resident, both received treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital. One patient is under the age of 10 and the other is between 10 and 19 years of age.

These are the only cases reported in Washington state residents to date. Health care providers in the United Kingdom were the first to recognize cases in late April, and providers in other states have identified cases as well. Following increased reports of previously healthy children presenting with a severe inflammatory syndrome with Kawasaki disease-like symptoms, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [issued a health advisory](#) last Thursday with a case definition.

The current case definition includes the following:

- Under the age of 21, with a fever, laboratory evidence of inflammation, and severe illness involving more than two organs that requires hospitalization; AND
- No other plausible diagnoses; AND
- Positive COVID-19 test, or exposure to a confirmed case, within the four weeks prior to the onset of symptoms.

For more information please read DOH's [news release](#).

## **SHD Media Release: Special Board of Health Meeting - May 21**

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) held a special Board of Health meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2020.

For more information please read SHD's [news release](#).

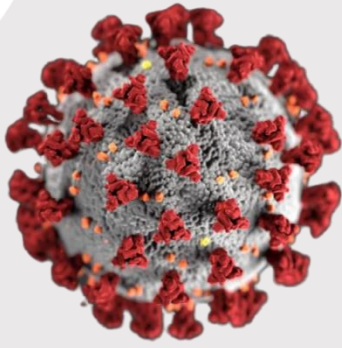
## **New SHD Blog Post: COVID-19 and Domestic Violence**

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) in partnership with [Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center](#), [Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse](#), and [Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County](#) published a new blog post on the topic of domestic violence amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

The blog post addresses the exacerbation of domestic violence during the pandemic and provides information on the following topics:

- What do we know about the impact of the pandemic so far?
- How can I get help?
- How can I help someone in my life who may be experiencing domestic violence?

For more information please read SHD's [blog post](#).



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## COMMERCE ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY GRANT FOR TRIBES

## BIPARTISAN LETTER SENT IN SUPPORT OF INTERNET ACCESS

Letter urges Congress to address disparities in access to internet connectivity

## REQUEST MADE TO EXTEND HELP OF NATIONAL GUARD

## Commerce Announces \$5 Million Emergency Response Grant for Tribes

An additional \$5 million in grants was approved May 21, 2020, bringing the total state emergency assistance to tribes to \$10 million.

[For more information, visit this page.](#)

## Bipartisan Letter Sent to Congress to Provide Access to Internet Connectivity to all Americans

Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson was among one of the 38 bipartisan attorney generals to urge Congress to address disparities in access to home internet connectivity that are exacerbating existing gaps in educational and health outcomes.

The letter requests Congress include the following in the next COVID-19 relief legislation:

- Provide adequate and flexible funding to state, territorial, and local governments to expand broadband internet access.
- Increase funding to the U.S. Federal Communication Commission Universal Service Fund.

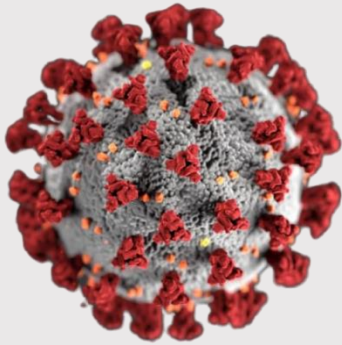
For more information please read the [bipartisan letter to Congress](#).



## Efforts Made to Request the Extension of the National Guard's Help in Washington

Representatives Rick Larsen, Derek Kilmer, and Maria Cantwell requested an extension of Title 32 authority and funding to July 31, 2020 to ensure members of the National Guard can continue to serve their communities and keep Washingtonians safe.

For more information please read the [letter](#) and [Tweet](#).

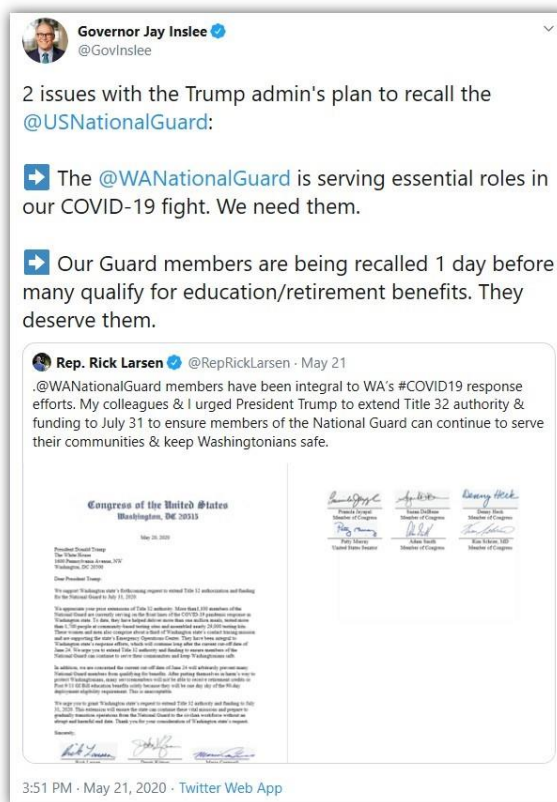


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## REQUEST MADE TO EXTEND HELP OF NATIONAL GUARD (CONT'D)

## INSURANCE COMMISSIONER EXTENDS EMERGENCY ORDER

Order extends telehealth and additional needed coverage



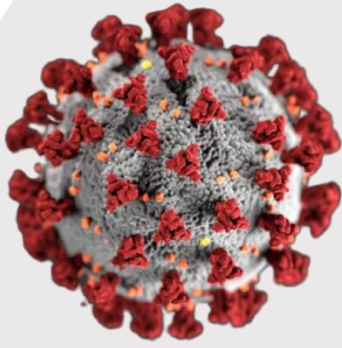
## WA State Insurance Commissioner Extends Emergency Order to Health Insurers Expanding Telehealth and Other Coverages

Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler [extended his emergency order](#) directing all state-regulated health insurers to make additional coverage changes to aid consumers during the coronavirus pandemic. Kreidler's order is in effect until June 21 and requires health insurers to:

- Continue coverage of additional methods for providing telehealth, including telephone and video chat tools such as FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangout video, Skype and Go-to-Meeting.
- Cover all medically necessary diagnostic testing for flu and certain other viral respiratory illnesses billed during a provider visit for COVID-19 with no copay, coinsurance, or deductible.
- Treat drive-up testing sites for COVID-19 as a provider visit with no copay, coinsurance or deductible.

For more information please read the [news release](#).





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**NW JUSTICE PROJECT PROVIDES  
EVICTION MORATORIUM INFO**

**VERDANT HEALTH COMMISSION  
DONATES \$11K TO FEED EDCC STUDENTS**

## Northwest Justice Project Provides Information About Washington's Eviction Moratorium

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is concerned that there may be some misunderstanding of the eviction moratorium and that tenants on fixed income and who are able to pay rent might not pay because of the moratorium. NJP is concerned that when the moratorium ends, those individuals won't have the resources to bring their rent current and will face eviction.

NJP has provided the following flyer explaining Washington's Eviction Moratorium.

Additional COVID-19 related publications and resources for a variety of legal issues are available at NJP's [washingtonlawhelp.org](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org) [website](#).

**Northwest Justice Project**

**Washington's Eviction Moratorium**  
stops many, but not all evictions.  
Until June 4, 2020

You cannot be evicted for not paying rent or for "no cause"  
And you should not get a 14 Day or 20 Day Termination Notice

**!** You may still be evicted if you cause an  
immediate and significant health and safety problem

The moratorium does not mean you do not owe rent!  
If you do not pay rent, you may owe a lot more later!  
You may be evicted after June 4 if you do not pay now!

If you can not pay all your rent, your landlord should offer a  
reasonable payment plan. Get any plan with your landlord in  
writing. Find sample letters to give your landlord on  
[www.WashingtonLawHelp.org](http://www.WashingtonLawHelp.org).

If your landlord tries to evict you, try to get legal help right away.

If you are in King  
County, Call 211 or the  
Housing Justice Project  
at (253) 234-4204.

You can also file a complaint  
with Washington's Attorney  
General at [www.atg.wa.gov](http://www.atg.wa.gov)  
or (833) 660-4877

If you are in any other county in  
Washington, call NJP's CLEAR Hotline  
at 1-888-201-1014 weekdays  
between 9:15 am and 12:15 pm

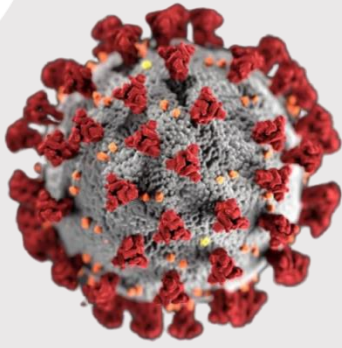
Visit [www.WashingtonLawHelp.org](http://www.WashingtonLawHelp.org)  
for sample letters to send to your  
landlord and much more  
free legal information,  
forms and videos.

**Washington  
LawHelp**

## Verdant Health Commission Donates \$11K to Help Feed Edmonds College Students

To help provide food and assistance for Edmonds College students who are experiencing food insecurity during COVID-19, the Verdant Health Commission has donated \$11,880 to the Edmonds College Foundation.

More information about the Emergency Assistance Program for students can be found on the Edmonds College [webpage](#).



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**ARLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT "MEALS 'TIL MONDAY" PROGRAM CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

**T-MOBILE LAUNCHES FREE SERVICE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

## Arlington School District's Distribution of "Meals 'til Monday" Boxes Closed for Memorial Day, Extra Meals Provided Friday, May 22



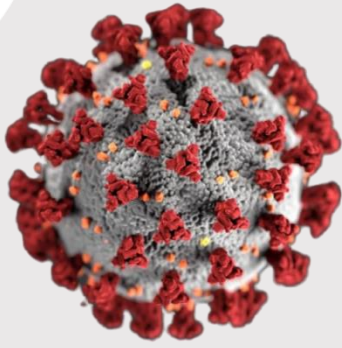
## T-Mobile Launches 'Connecting Heroes' – Free 5G for First Responder Agencies is Here

In a [video](#), T-Mobile CEO Mike Sievert launched Connecting Heroes, the Un-carrier's 10-year commitment to provide free service and 5G access to first responder agencies — all public and non-profit state and local fire, police, and EMS departments — saving them up to \$7 billion. Interested agencies can sign up at [www.t-mobile.com/connectingheroes](http://www.t-mobile.com/connectingheroes).

As a 'thank you' to everyone who's shifted the way they work and live during this pandemic, the Un-carrier is giving Sprint and T-Mobile postpaid customers a new iPhone SE for free or up to half off a [flagship superphone from another top brand](#) starting today through Monday, May 25. Customers just trade in their existing eligible device, and they'll owe nothing but the sales tax on an iPhone SE — a powerful new smartphone in a popular design — or get up to \$500 off another new superphone. No add-a-line. Nothing more to buy. Just "thank you."

For more information please read T-Mobile's [news release](#) and video announcement.





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## CITY OF ARLINGTON WORKING TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESS DURING COVID-19

Task force creating initiatives to help small businesses, provide signage

### City of Arlington Working to Assist Small Business During COVID-19

COVID-19 is causing a catastrophic economic impact nationwide, and Arlington small businesses are no exception. The City recognizes the role of our small businesses in providing jobs to our residents, quality of life to the community, and sales tax collections to fund the services that are critical to our public. The City is currently working on initiatives to support the businesses.

The City is expecting CARES funding from the Department of Commerce to help fund small business rent relief grants. We hope to launch the grants in early June. Snohomish County has launched the application for [business relief funds](#) (see below) that will also be available to Arlington businesses that qualify.

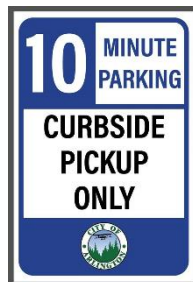
The Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force is working on a purchasing guide for personal protective equipment, physical distancing aids, sanitizer, cleaning supplies, etc., to support businesses as they re-open. The task force includes businesses of each industry, as well as representation from the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Arlington Business Association.

The task force is also collecting guidelines from industry leaders and sharing best practices. This information is available at our website: <http://arlingtonwa.gov/666/Business-Resources-COVID-19>. We encourage businesses to develop safe start standards now. If businesses are prepared with guidelines and the tools and supplies they need, the City is able to show the County and State prepared plans, in hope of reopening businesses as soon as possible. Arlington has worked with Association of WA Cities (AWC) to support the construction industry as they have developed their own guidelines and requested permission from the State to resume work.

The City of Arlington is offering signs for curb-side pick-up/10 minute parking to Arlington businesses. Curb-side retail began in Phase 1 of the State's reopening of businesses. The signs will make it more convenient for customers to pick up food and merchandise in designated areas. The City is encouraging the public to shop local and support Arlington businesses, especially during this time. More information below.

The City will be mailing two face masks to city households in the next week. Snohomish Health District recommends that you wear a mask while out in public. We want the community to be safe as we resume normal activities as the phases roll out and businesses reopen.

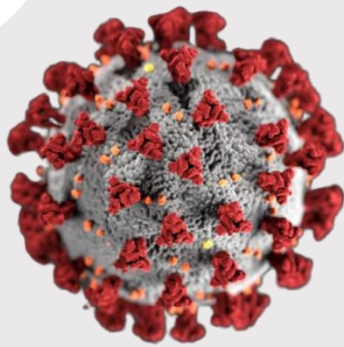
#### Curbside Retail Signs



Arlington businesses may request one or two signs by contacting the City of Arlington at 360-403-3448 or email [revitalization@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:revitalization@arlingtonwa.gov).

Curbside retail establishments may operate if they meet and maintain all conditions required by the State. Those requirements are located [here](#).





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## CITY OF ARLINGTON (CONT'D)

### CONFIRMED AND PROBABLE CASES OF COVID-19 IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Please note: The statistics are also available on the [Snohomish Health District website](#).

### ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211 for help**. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.



### Confirmed and Probable Cases of COVID-19 in Snohomish County (as of May 22, 2020)

Case Count	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Confirmed	2,867
Probable	346
Deceased	134

Jurisdiction	Last Updated: 2:00 p.m.
Arlington	122 (102 recovered)
Bothell*	213 (167 recovered)
Brier	20 (18 recovered)
Darrington	<5 (<5 recovered)
Edmonds	329 (253 recovered)
Everett	948 (675 recovered)
Gold Bar	<5 (<5 recovered)
Granite Falls	25 (20 recovered)
Index	0
Lake Stevens	117 (101 recovered)
Lynnwood	605 (462 recovered)
Marysville	240 (183 recovered)
Mill Creek	52 (41 recovered)
Monroe	79 (62 recovered)
Mountlake Terrace	105 (88 recovered)
Mukilteo	56 (54 recovered)
Snohomish	149 (129 recovered)
Stanwood	97 (78 recovered)
Sultan	8 (<5 recovered)
Tulalip	20 (13 recovered)
Unknown/Other	<5 (<5 recovered)
Woodinville*	12 (11 recovered)
Woodway	8 (8 recovered)

Numbers less than 5 are suppressed to protect medical privacy.

Unknown includes cases still under investigation.

\*Counts are for portions in Snohomish County only.